

ANNAPOLIS EVENTS

2/07 Jewish Community
Advocacy Day in Annapolis

3/02 Non-Public School
Advocacy Day in Annapolis

4/10 Sine Die - Last Day of
2017 Legislative Session

BACK IN BALTIMORE

3/01 Auschwitz through the
Lens of the SS at Chizuk
Amuno

3/30 Dialogue Program at
Owings Mills JCC

4/02 Good Deeds Day
Interfaith Volunteer Project

4/23 Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Remembrance
Commemoration

5/21 Dialogue Program at
Church on the Square

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Annapolis Update

BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL

Raising Awareness in Annapolis: BDS Movement

This session, Delegate Ben Kramer and Senator Bobby Zirkin with the support of several other elected officials including Delegates Sandy Rosenberg and Shelly Hettleman, will introduce an anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions) bill in the Maryland legislature. This bill would stop Maryland's procurement contracts and pension system from investing in companies that are participating in the BDS effort. While the Jewish community is all too familiar with this issue, for many legislators, this is their first time hearing of it. To educate legislators on this important topic and counter any misinformation, the BJC & Greater Washington JCRC staff have met with key elected officials to explain the history of the BDS movement and its efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel, answering any questions they may have on the topic. Yet the work is not over - we need YOUR help on Advocacy Day to tell your legislators that you stand with BJC against BDS!

Legislation to Watch

2/8 Hearing on **SB14**: Earned Income Tax Credit Expansion

2/8 Hearing on **SB359**: Maryland Meals for Achievement - In Classroom Breakfast Program

2/10 Hearing on **HB1**: Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

Community Champion: Sen. Mac Middleton

What inspired you to sponsor SB248 - the senior call check program & what does it accomplish?

"I deeply care about our seniors and to the extent that we can keep our seniors aging in place, I would like to try and assist them. In order to do this we have to make sure we have safety measures in place in their homes. This is also a cost effective means in continuing delivery services to our seniors and will drive efficiency as services from the Federal level are limited."



Are there any other issues you're working on in 2017?

Other important initiatives to me at this time include the Renewable Energy override we accomplished last week.